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SUBJECT: USTINOV STATEMENT, MAY 30, 1973 SCC MEETING

FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSLATION OF THE STATEMENT

PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONER USTINOV, AT THE WEDNESDAY,
MAY 30, 1973, SCC MEETING.

QUOTE:

GENERAL USTINOV STATEMENT

FIRST SCC MEETING

MAY 30, 1973

I

ON BEHALF OF THE SOVIET COMPONENT OF THE COMMISSION
PERMIT ME TO WELCOME YOU, IN YOUR CAPACITY AS HEAD OF THE
U. S. COMPONENT OF THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION,
AS WELL AS YOUR ADVISORS AND STAFF WHO ARE PARTICIPATING
IN THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION.

IN MY CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE

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TO OPEN THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION, WHICH TODAY BEGINS ITS ACTIVITY, AND TO GIVE YOU, MR. AMBASSADOR, THE FLOOR FIRST.

II

MR. AMBASSADOR, THE USSR- U. S. STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WHICH WAS FORMALIZED ON DECEMBER 21, 1972 BY THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE USSR AND THE U. S., IS CALLED UPON TO PROMOTE THE OBJECTIVES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY ON THE LIMITATION OF ABM SYSTEMS, THE INTERIM AGREEMENT ON CERTAIN MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, AND THE AGREEMENT ON MEASURES TO REDUCE THE RISK OF OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE U. S.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE WORK OF THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION AS AN IMPORTANT TOOL IN ENSURING UNSWERVING FULFILLMENT OF OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN IN THESE AGREEMENTS.

WE FULLY RECOGNIZE ALL THE IMPORTANCE AND COMPLEXITY OF THE TASK ASSIGNED TO US AND WILL APPLY ALL OUR EFFORTS TO CARRYING IT OUT SUCCESSFULLY. WE ARE IN FAVOR OF MAKING THE ACTIVITY OF THE COMMISSION BUSINESSLIKE AND CONSTRUCTIVE IN NATURE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME WHICH HAS ELAPSED SINCE THE ABM TREATY, THE INTERIM AGREEMENT AND THE AGREEMENT ON MEASURES WERE SIGNED, THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN STRICTLY OBSERVING THE SPIRIT AND THE LETTER OF THESE DOCUMENTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO ACT IN THIS SAME FASHION IN THE FUTURE AS WELL. WE PROCEED FROM THE PREMISE THAT THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES ARE IDENTICAL IN THIS REGARD.

MR. AMBASSADOR, WE AGREE THAT AS OUR FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WE SHOULD APPROVE THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION REGULATIONS. THIS WILL DEFINE PROCEDURES AND OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS AND WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO TURN
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TO CONSIDERATION OF OTHER MATTERS BEFORE US.

WE HAVE A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR WORKING OUT SUCH REGULATIONS. I AM REFERRING TO THE BASIC PARAGRAPHS OF DRAFT REGULATIONS OF THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION, INITIALLED ON DECEMBER 21, 1972 BY THE HEADS OF THE USSR AND U. S. DELEGATIONS TO THE STRATEGIC ARMS

LIMITATIONS TALKS, UNDER AUTHORIZATION FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS. THE AFOREMENTIONED BASIC PARAGRAPHS OF DRAFT REGULATIONS CONSTITUTE A SUFFICIENTLY COMPLETE DOCUMENT TO ENABLE THE COMMISSION TO REGULATE ITS ACTIVITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIC DOCUMENTS ON ITS ESTABLISHMENT.

IN THE COURSE OF CONSULTATIONS PRECEDING THIS MEETING, AN AGREED TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS IN ACCORD WITH THE DOCUMENT OF DECEMBER 21, 1972 WAS PREPARED FOR SIGNATURE.

MR. AMBASSADOR, I PROPOSE THAT WE SIGN THE TEXT PREPARED BY OUR STAFFS AFTER WHICH WE WILL CONTINUE OUR MEETING.

(REGULATIONS WERE SIGNED AND COPIES EXCHANGED, AND AMBASSADOR JOHNSON DELIVERED SECOND PORTION OF HIS STATEMENT.)

III

MR. AMBASSADOR, ON MY PART I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PRESENT CONSIDERATIONS ON THE COURSE OF FURTHER WORK OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SCC.

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WE BELIEVE THAT WE COULD BEGIN OUR DISCUSSIONS AT THE FIRST SESSION WITH THE QUESTION OF PROCEDURES FOR DISMANTLING AND REPLACEMENT OF LAND- BASED ICBM LAUNCHERS OF OLDER TYPES AND BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCHERS ON OLDER SUBMARINES, ON WHICH AGREEMENT WAS REACHED IN CONCLUDING THE INTERIM AGREEMENT ON CERTAIN MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS.

WE AGREE THAT AT THE NEXT MEETING THE COMMISSIONERS SET FORTH THE POSITIONS OF THE SIDES ON QUESTIONS OF DISMANTLING AND REPLACEMENT. THEREAFTER, THESE QUESTIONS COULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE WORKING GROUP FOR MORE DETAILED STUDY.

AFTER THE WORKING GROUP CARRIES OUT THE NECESSARY WORK THE COMMISSIONERS COULD MEET AGAIN IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF THIS WORK AND TO CHART THE FURTHER COURSE OF DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION OF ISSUES WHICH ARISE IN THIS CONNECTION.

IN THE COURSE OF SUCH A MEETING OR MEETINGS WE COULD ALSO REACH DECISIONS CONCERNING THE FINAL DOCUMENTS OF THE CURRENT

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SESSION AND THE TIME FOR CONDUCTING THE NEXT SCHEDULED SESSION OF THE SCC.

AS TO THE QUESTION OF MAKING THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION PUBLIC IN THE PRESS, IT EVIDENTLY REQUIRES STUDY. WE WILL GIVE THOUGHT TO YOUR CONSIDERATIONS AND WILL CONSULT WITH MOSCOW.

IN ANY EVENT WE MUST FIRMLY AND CONSTANTLY ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF PRIVACY OF SCC PROCEEDINGS AND PERMIT MAKING THEM PUBLIC ONLY BY MUTUAL CONSENT. THIS IS A STRICT INSTRUCTION WHICH I HAVE FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

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MR. AMBASSADOR, I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO DISAGREEMENT IN THIS ROOM THAT THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION MUST BE CONDUCTED IN A CALM AND BUSINESSLIKE ATMOSPHERE. UNDOUBTEDLY THIS WILL BE CONDUCIVE TO BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND TO CARRYING OUT THE TASKS SET BEFORE THE COMMISSION. WITH RESPECT TO THE SOVIET COMPONENT OF THE COMMISSION OUR EFFORTS WILL BE DIRECTED PRECISELY TOWARD THIS.

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